

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 4, 5, 7, and 8, and add new claim 10, as shown in the complete list of claims that is presented below.

Claims 1-3 (cancelled).

4. (currently amended) A digital pressure gauge comprising:
- a pressure sensor ~~adapted for sensing use when measuring the~~ blood pressure of a ~~user and generating signals corresponding to pressures sensed thereby; person;~~
  - a control unit having an input connected to the pressure sensor for establishing values of pressure from the pressure sensor signals a blood pressure value for the person, said control unit monitoring cumulative usage of the digital pressure gauge, ~~said control unit by~~ automatically maintaining relative to a prior calibration at least one of a count parameter corresponding to a number of operations of the digital pressure gauge and an operational duration parameter corresponding to a usage period thereof, said control unit ~~generating a warning message indicating detecting~~ that calibration of the digital pressure gauge is required ~~and an activation signal responsive to if~~ at least one of said count and duration parameters ~~exceeding~~ exceeds a predetermined threshold value corresponding thereto;
  - ~~a warning unit coupled to the control unit for output of a warning signal responsive to an input of the activation signal from the control unit; and,~~
  - a display unit coupled to the control unit for displaying the values of pressures ~~and the warning message that calibration is required.~~
  - means, connected to the control unit, for visibly depicting the blood pressure value to an operator of the digital pressure gauge; and
  - means, connected to the control unit, for warning the operator if the control unit detects that calibration of the digital pressure gauge is required.

5. (currently amended) The digital pressure gauge of claim 4, wherein the means for warning signal is comprises means for emitting a signal selected from the group consisting of an audible signal, a light signal, a vibration signal, or a combination thereof.

6. (previously presented) The digital pressure gauge of claim 4, wherein each said predetermined threshold value is set during manufacture of tilt digital pressure gauge.

7. (currently amended) The digital pressure gauge of claim 4, wherein each said predetermined threshold value is set by the ~~user~~ operator.

8. (currently amended) The digital pressure gauge of claim 4, further comprising a power supply coupled to the pressure sensor, the control unit, the means for warning, ~~unit and the display unit~~ and the means for visibly depicting.

9. (previously presented) The digital pressure gauge of claim 4, further comprising an input button unit coupled to the control unit for operationally activating the digital pressure gauge.

10. (new) The digital pressure gauge of claim 4, wherein the means for warning comprises means for emitting an audible warning signal.